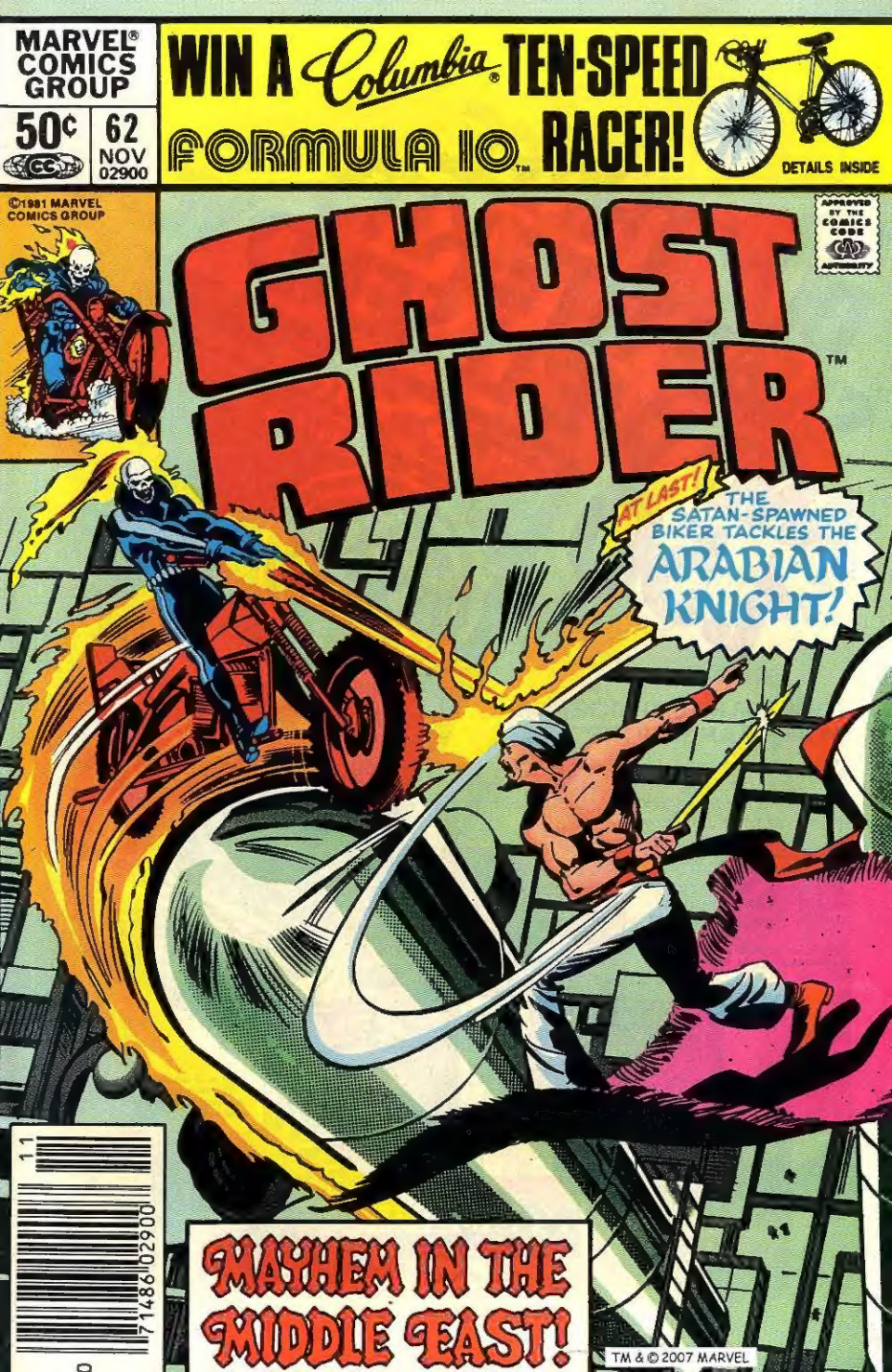
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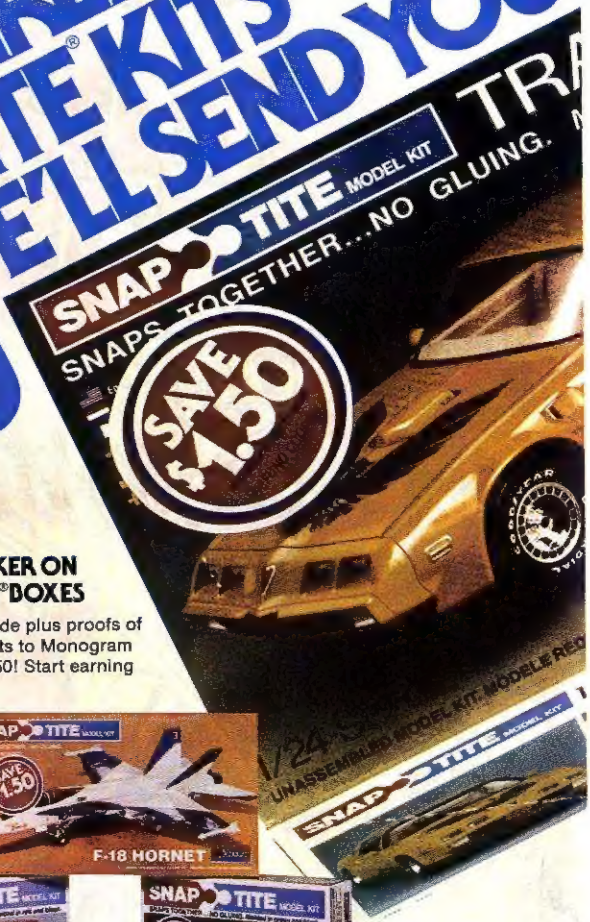

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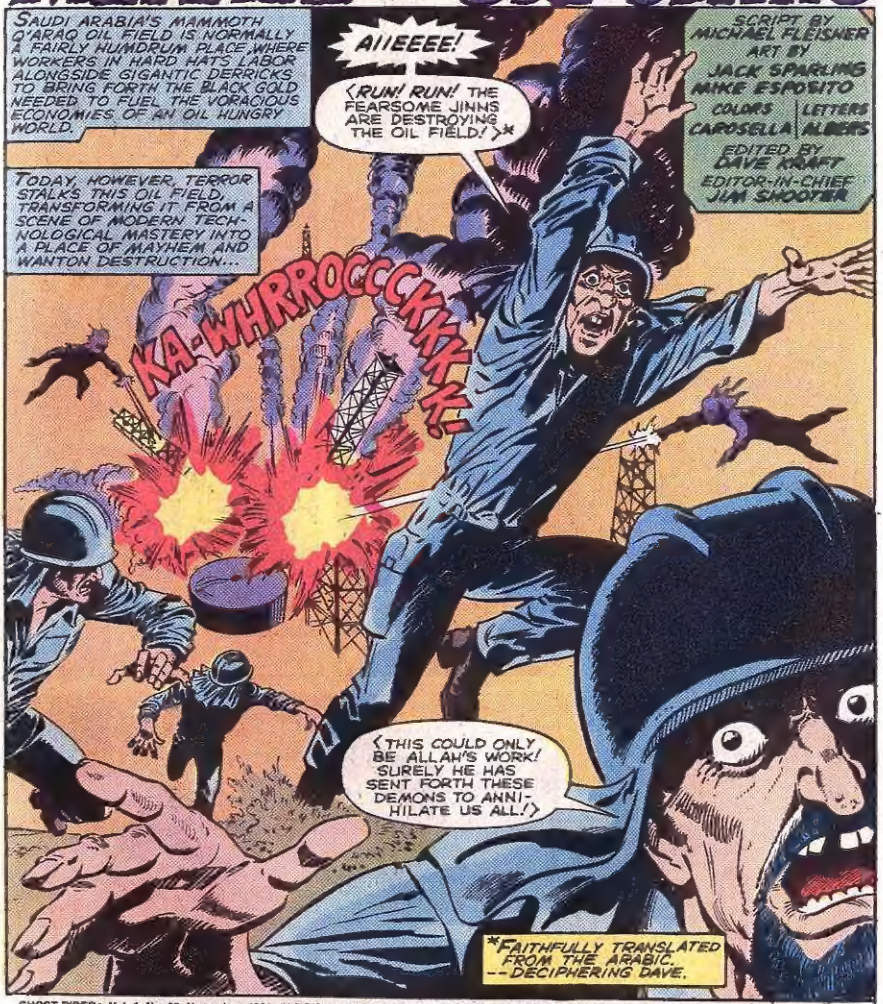

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HEH HEH HEHHH! I WAS RIGHT--WASN'T I, WIZARD--WHEN I PREDICTED THAT THE MYSTIC POWERS WHICH YOU HAVE LONG EXERCISED OVER WATER WOULD ENABLE YOU TO WORK YOUR WONDROUS MAGIC OVER OIL AS WELL?
YES, OIL! THE LIFE'S BLOOD OF MY NATIVE SAUDI ARABIA! THE PRICELESS SUBSTANCE UPON WHICH EVERY INDUSTRIALIZED NATION IN THE WORLD DEPENDS!
IT WAS INDEED A TRIUMPHANT DAY FOR US BOTH, MY FRIEND, WHEN I--SHEIK ABDUL HURAN!--RESCUED YOU FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THAT FIEND YOU CALL THE GHOST RIDER! *
FOR WITH THE COMBINED MIGHT OF YOUR MAGICAL POWERS AND MY FIENDISH BRILLIANCE, SOON ALL OF SAUDI ARABIA WILL LIE PROSTRATE BEFORE ME! THEN, LIKE DOMINOES, ALL THE OIL-RICH NATIONS OF THE GULF WILL FALL: IRAN, IRAQ, KUWAIT!
HE'S INSANE! INSANE WITH A MEGALOMANIAC'S LUST FOR WEALTH AND POWER!
* LAST ISSUE. --D.
BUT I'M BETTER OFF HERE WITH HIM THAN LOCKED UP IN THAT AWFUL HOSPITAL!
AND BESIDES, I'D RATHER TAKE ON PRACTICALLY EVERY STATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST SINGLE-HANDED--
--THAN HAVE TO TANGLE AGAIN WITH THE GHOST RIDER!
BA-THOOOOOM!
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MEANWHILE, IN AN INDIANAPOLIS DINER, HALF A WORLD AWAY, WANDERING STUNT-BIKER JOHNNY BLAZE HAS PAUSED IN HIS TRAVELS LONG ENOUGH TO DOWN A FEW HAMBURGERS AND A SIDE ORDER OF FRIES...
HE'S AT THE FORTY, THE THIRTY-FIVE, THE THIRTY...
I'D SURE BE SLEEPING A WHOLE LOT BETTER THESE DAYS IF I ONLY KNEW JUST WHERE THE WATER WIZARD AND HIS ARAB PALS RAN OFF TO, AFTER THEY GAVE THE GHOST RIDER THE SLIP!*
*ALSO LAST ISSUE. --D.
I SUPPOSE IT WAS CRAZY OF ME TO BREAK THE WIZARD OUT OF THAT HOSPITAL HE WAS IN! BUT I ONLY DID IT SO HE'D BE ABLE TO HELP SAVE THAT DROUGHT-STRICKEN TOWN FROM EXTINCTION, BY TAPPING THEIR SUBTERRANEAN WATER SUPPLY!
STILL, I SURE AS HECK NEVER--
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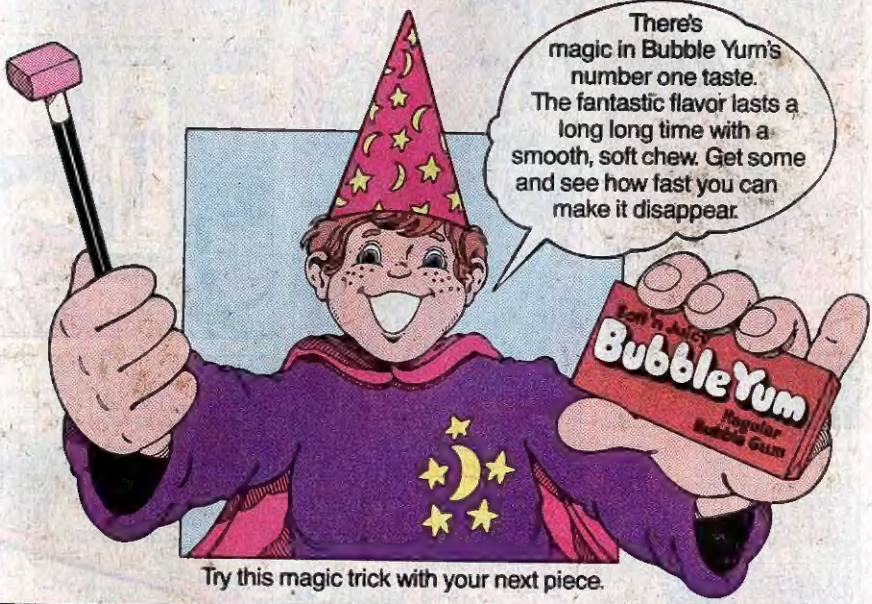
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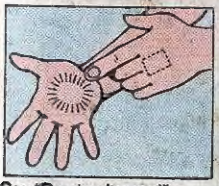

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GOOD GRIEF! I KNOW THAT GUY!
...AND NOW WE RETURN YOU TO THE OAKLAND RAIDERS VERSUS...
HE WAS THE GUY IN THE ROLLS ROYCE WHO RAN OFF WITH THE WATER WIZARD WHILE THE GHOST RIDER WAS BUSY BATTLING ONE OF THE WIZARD'S GIGANTIC WATER MONSTERS!*
*LAST ISSUE.--D
WELL, AT LEAST IT'S NO MYSTERY ANYMORE WHERE THE WATER WIZARD'S GONE TO! HE'S IN SAUDI ARABIA, USING THOSE WEIRD POWERS OF HIS TO HELP THAT FAT ARAB TRY TO TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT!
DAVE'S DINER
BUT HOW? I CAN BARELY AFFORD A TRAILWAYS BUS TO CHICAGO, LET ALONE AIR FARE TO THE MIDDLE EAST! AND--
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I KNOW THE WATER WIZARD! I'VE FOUGHT HIM BEFORE! IT'S UP TO ME TO GET TO SAUDI ARABIA AND STOP HIM!
AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT! IF I HADN'T DELIBERATELY BROKEN HIM OUT OF THAT HOSPITAL, NONE OF THIS WOULD EVER HAVE HAPPENED!
I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS LATEST MESS! I'VE GOT TO!

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AND IT OUGHT TO BE EASY AS PIE TO FIND OUT WHERE HE'S STAYING!
ALL I'VE GOT TO DO TO FIND HIM IS TO LOCATE THE SWANKIEST HOTEL IN TOWN!
INDEED, A SHORT RIDE LATER...
WELL, HOWDY THERE, BLAZE, OLD BUDDY! LONG TIME, NO SEE!
I GUESS YOU'VE COME TO INDY TO CATCH MY NEW ACT, EH? MAYBE PICK UP A FEW POINTERS WHILE YOU'RE AT IT?
I DON'T NEED TO PICK UP ANY POINTERS FROM YOU, FARGO! JUST IN CASE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN, FRIEND, OUR LAST STUNT-RIDING CONTEST WAS DECLARED A DRAW!*
*IN GP # 58.--D.
ONLY BECAUSE I GOT SHOT BY THE EN-FORCER GOING INTO THE FINAL ROUND, BLAZE! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THAT, I WOULD'VE WHIPPED YOUR TAIL EASY!
WHIPPED MY TAIL? HA! THAT'S A LAUGH!
I WAS MILES AHEAD ON POINTS, FARGO, AND YOU KNOW IT! IF IT--
UH, LOOK, BLAZE! YOU JUST HAPPENED TO BE PASSING BY THIS WAY, OR WHAT? BECAUSE IF--
NO, FLAGG. I CAME TO SEE YOU. I NEED A FAVOR!
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OKAY, I'LL BITE! WHAT KINDA FAVOR?
I NEED TO BORROW SOME MONEY, FLAGG! ENOUGH TO BUY ME AN AIRLINE TICKET TO SAUDI ARABIA!
ELITE
SAUDI ARABIA!? YOU BETTER FACE IT, BLAZE! YOU AIN'T LIKELY TO DO ANY BETTER RACIN' CAMELS THAN YOU BEEN DOIN' LATELY ON YOUR CYCLE!
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN LISTENING TO ANY MORE OF YOUR JOKES, FARGO! THIS IS IMPORTANT.
OKAY, BLAZO, OKAY! NO NEED TO GET HOT! I GUESS I AT LEAST OWE YOU SOMETHIN' FOR HAULIN' MY BUTT OUTTA THAT ARENA FIRE AFTER I GOT SHOT!
IT'S NICE TO KNOW YOU STILL REMEMBER, FARGO!
BUT FIRST, NATURALLY, BLAZE, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO SHOW ME A LITTLE COLLATERAL!
COLLATERAL! WHY YOU NO-GOOD BUM! WHAT KIND OF COLLATERAL?
OH, SAY, LIKE THAT FANCY CUSTOMIZED STUNT-BIKE YOU'RE RIDIN', BLAZO!
BLAST YOU, FARGO! YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THIS BIKE'S WORTH TEN TIMES THE PRICE OF THAT AIRLINE TICKET!
IF YOU--
THEN WE GOT OURSELVES A DEAL! RIGHT, BLAZE?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT, FARGO! WE'VE GOT OURSELVES A DEAL!
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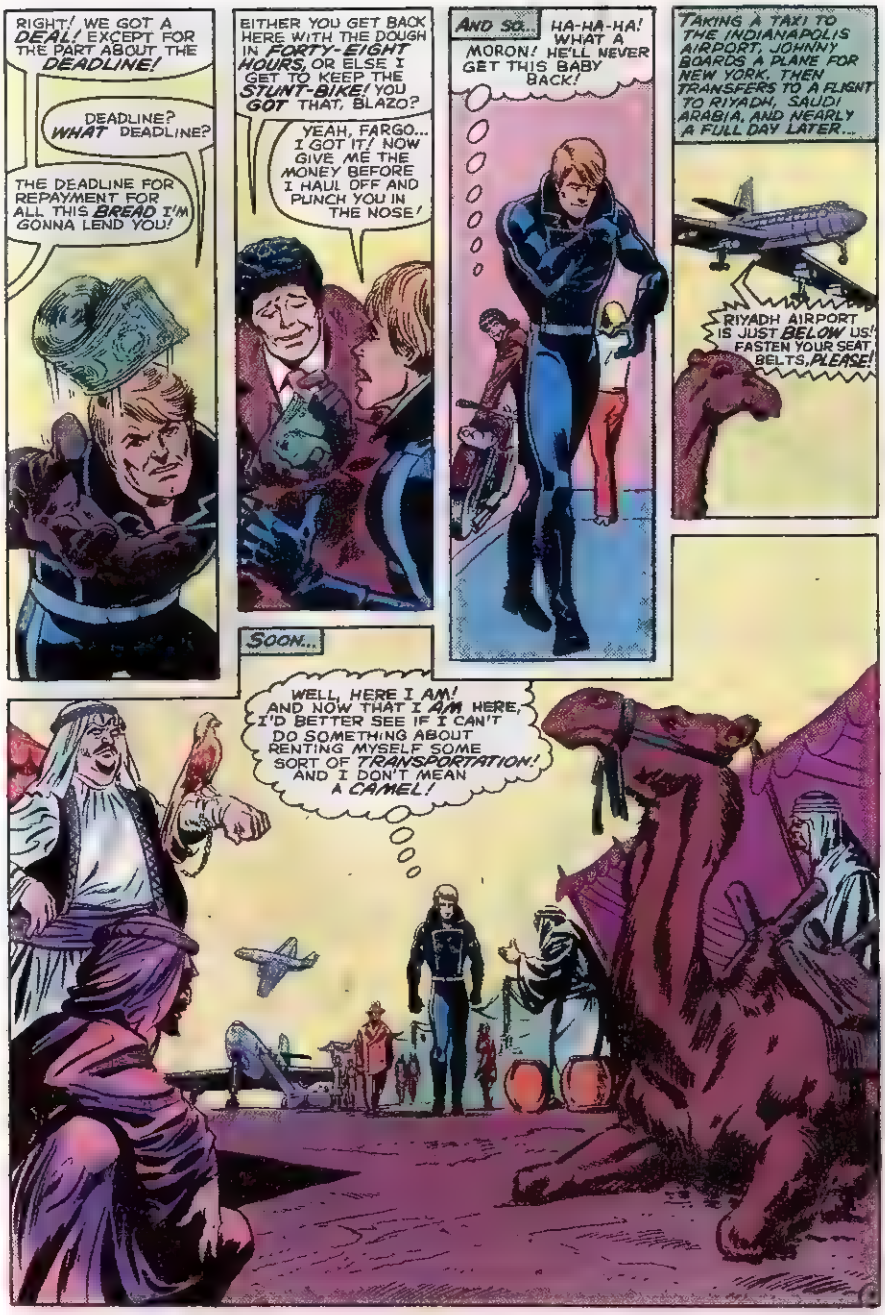
RIGHT! WE GOT A DEAL! EXCEPT FOR THE PART ABOUT THE DEADLINE!
DEADLINE? WHAT DEADLINE?
THE DEADLINE FOR REPAYMENT FOR ALL THIS BREAD I'M GONNA LEND YOU!
EITHER YOU GET BACK HERE WITH THE DOUGH IN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, OR ELSE I GET TO KEEP THE STUNT-BIKE! YOU GOT THAT, BLAZO?
YEAH, FARGO... I GOT IT! NOW GIVE ME THE MONEY BEFORE I HAUL OFF AND PUNCH YOU IN THE NOSE!
AND SO...
HA-HA-HA! WHAT A MORON! HE'LL NEVER GET THIS BABY BACK!
TAKING A TAXI TO THE INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT, JOHNNY BOARDS A PLANE FOR NEW YORK. THEN TRANSFERS TO A FLIGHT TO RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA, AND NEARLY A FULL DAY LATER...
RIYADH AIRPORT IS JUST BELOW US! FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS, PLEASE!
SOON...
WELL, HERE I AM! AND NOW THAT I AM HERE, I'D BETTER SEE IF I CAN'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT RENTING MYSELF SOME SORT OF TRANSPORTATION! AND I DON'T MEAN A CAMEL!

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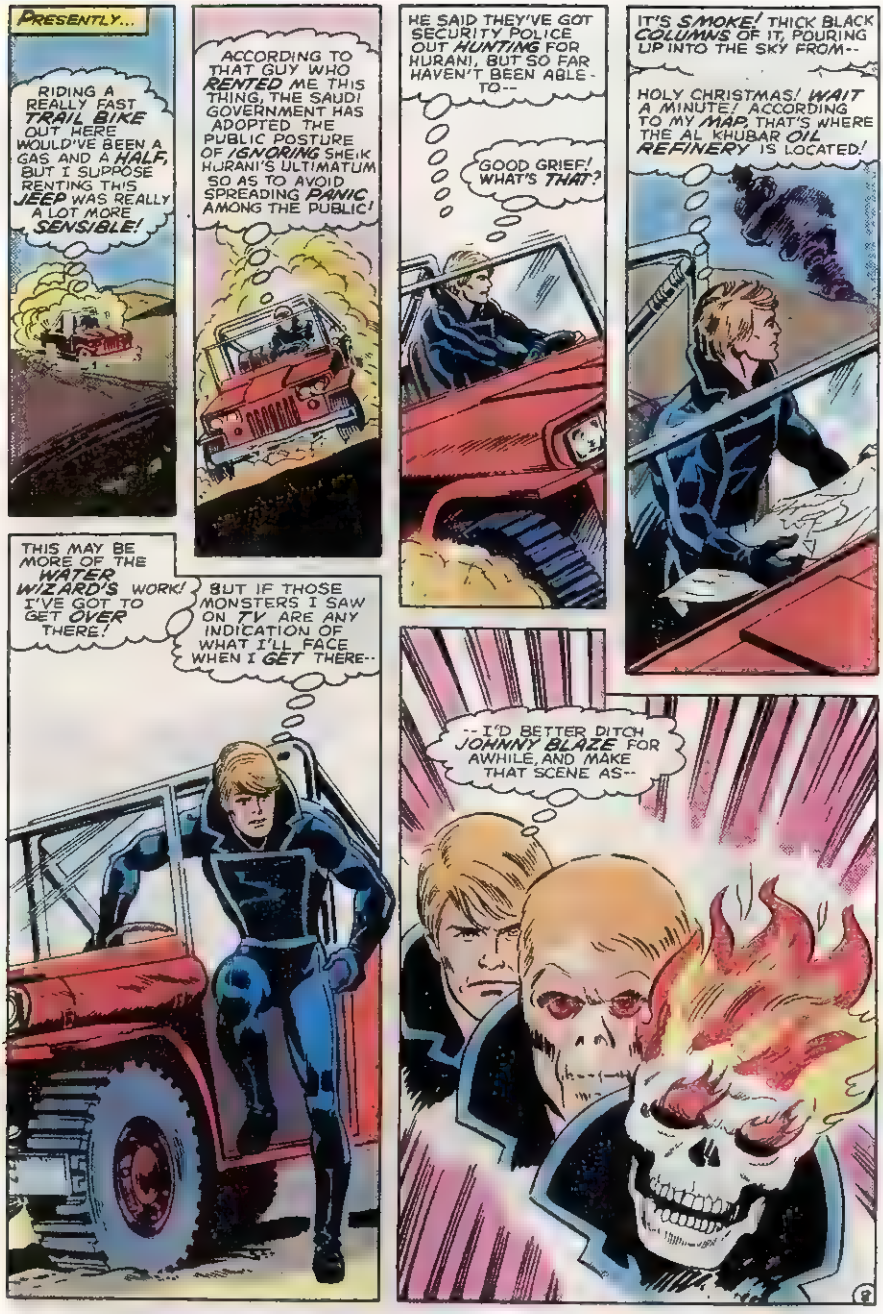
PRESENTLY...
RIDING A REALLY FAST TRAIL BIKE OUT HERE WOULD'VE BEEN A GAS AND A HALF, BUT I SUPPOSE RENTING THIS JEEP WAS REALLY A LOT MORE SENSIBLE!
ACCORDING TO THAT GUY WHO RENTED ME THIS THING, THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAS ADOPTED THE PUBLIC POSTURE OF IGNORING SHEIK HURANI'S ULTIMATUM SO AS TO AVOID SPREADING PANIC AMONG THE PUBLIC!
HE SAID THEY'VE GOT SECURITY POLICE OUT HUNTING FOR HURANI, BUT SO FAR HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE-TO--
GOOD GRIEF! WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S SMOKE! THICK BLACK COLUMNS OF IT, POURING UP INTO THE SKY FROM--
HOLY CHRISTMAS! WAIT A MINUTE! ACCORDING TO MY MAP, THAT'S WHERE THE AL KHUBAR OIL REFINERY IS LOCATED!
THIS MAY BE MORE OF THE WATER WIZARD'S WORK! I'VE GOT TO GET OVER THERE!
BUT IF THOSE MONSTERS I SAW ON TV ARE ANY INDICATION OF WHAT I'LL FACE WHEN I GET THERE--
--I'D BETTER DITCH JOHNNY BLAZE FOR AWHILE, AND MAKE THAT SCENE AS--

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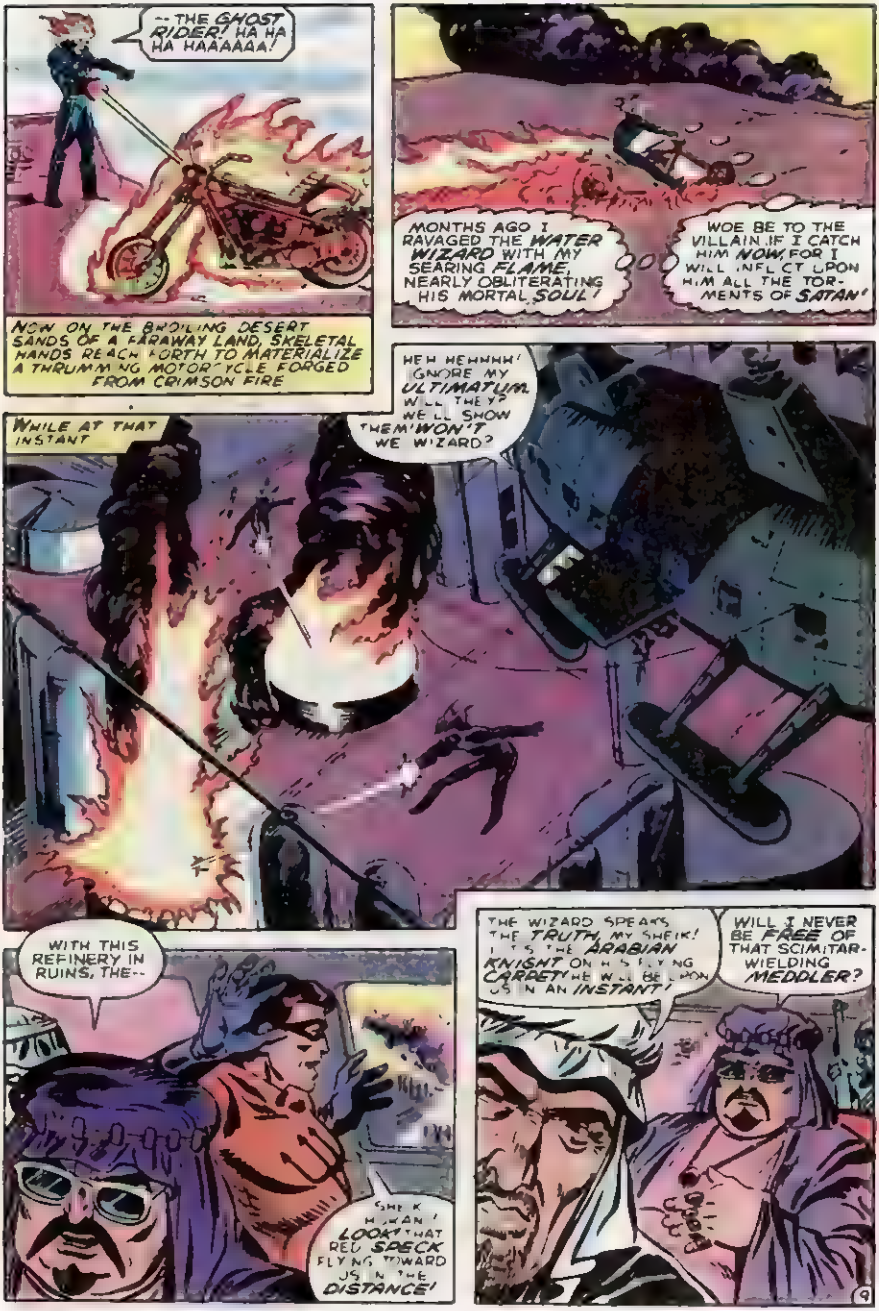
-- THE GHOST RIDER! HA HA HA HAAAAAA!
NOW ON THE BROILING DESERT SANDS OF A FARAWAY LAND, SKELETAL HANDS REACH FORTH TO MATERIALIZE A THRUMMING MOTORCYCLE FORGED FROM CRIMSON FIRE
MONTHS AGO I RAVAGED THE WATER WIZARD WITH MY SEARING FLAME, NEARLY OBLITERATING HIS MORTAL SOUL!
WOE BE TO THE VILLAIN IF I CATCH HIM NOW, FOR I WILL INFLICT UPON HIM ALL THE TORMENTS OF SATAN!
WHILE AT THAT INSTANT
HEH HEHHHH! IGNORE MY ULTIMATUM, WILL THEY? WE'LL SHOW THEM! WON'T WE WIZARD?
WITH THIS REFINERY IN RUINS, THE--
SHEIK HUSSAN! LOOK! THAT RED SPECK FLYING TOWARD US IN THE DISTANCE!
THE WIZARD SPEAKS THE TRUTH, MY SHEIK! IT'S THE ARABIAN KNIGHT ON HIS FLYING CARPET! HE WILL BE UPON US IN AN INSTANT!
WILL I NEVER BE FREE OF THAT SCIMITAR-WIELDING MEDDLER?
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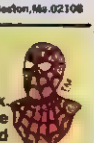

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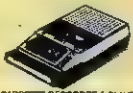
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YES, MY SHEIK!
UPON MY COMMAND, THEN, MIKAL--
--FIRE--!!
ROCKETS! TWO OF THEM! HURTLING TOWARD ME FROM SHEIK HURANI'S HELICOPTER!
THANKS TO THE UNEARTHLY SWIFTNESS OF MY FLYING CARPET, IT SHALL BE A SIMPLE MATTER TO EVADE THE PERIL!
NOT WHILE THE CARNAGE UNFOLDING BELOW ME STILL RAGES OUT OF--
WHAT--?! BY THE BEARD OF THE PROPHET!
CAN MY EYES BE DECEIVING ME? CAN A MONSTER AS LOATHSOME AS THE ONE I SEE BEFORE ME TRULY EXIST?
I KNEW, OF COURSE, THAT SHEIK HURANI WAS BEHIND THE DEVASTATION AT THE AHAQ OIL FIELD! NOW THE SHEIK PROCLAIMED HIS VILLANY TO THE WORLD!
BUT I NEVER KNEW HOW HE ACTUALLY ACHIEVED HIS AWESOME DESTRUCTION! NOW I DO KNOW!
SOMEHOW HURANI HAS MANAGED TO FORGE A PACT WITH THIS DARKSOME FIEND! THE JINNS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY ITS CREATIONS!
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BY THE POWER OF MY SACRED SCIMITAR, I MUST NOT FAIL TO DESTROY THE THING!
BY THE COLD FIRE, WHO DARES TO RAISE HIS HAND AGAINST A DEMON FROM HADES?
I DARE, DEMON! I, WHOM THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND KNOW AS THE ARABIAN KNIGHT!
THEN PREPARE TO WRITHE IN TORMENT, VERMIN--
--FOR, BY THE HORNS OF SATAN, I MEAN TO CHAR YOUR MORTAL SOUL TO A BLACKENED ASH!
BY THE PROPHET! THE SPEED WITH WHICH HIS VEHICLE TRAVELS IS SUFFICIENT TO MAKE THE VISION BLUR!
ITS FORM IS LIKE THAT OF A SLEEK MOTORCYCLE! BUT SURELY NO CYCLE FASHIONED BY THE HANDS OF MEN COULD SUMMON FORTH SUFFICIENT VELOCITY EVEN TO ATTEMPT A VERTICAL CLIMB LIKE THAT ONE!
TWICE HAVE I STRUCK AT HIM WITH MY SACRED SCIMITAR! TWICE HAVE MY SWORD BLASTS FAILED TO STRIKE HOME!

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THIS TIME I--
UNNGHH!
TASTE MY VENGEANCE, MORTAL! TASTE THE FIERY VENGEANCE OF A FIEND FROM HADES!
THOUGH THESE EVIL JINNS HAVE BEEN FORGED FROM OIL, NOT WATER, THEY ARE STILL UNMISTAKABLY THE CREATIONS OF MY OLD ENEMY THE WATER WIZARD!
AND AS SURELY AS MY DEMON-FLAME HAS THE POWER TO DESTROY THE CREATURES HE MAKES FROM WATER, SO IT HAS THE POWER TO ANNIHILATE THESE THINGS ALSO!
PRAISE BE TO ALLAH! I AM STILL A BIT STUNNED, BUT OTHERWISE UNHURT!
THE MIRACULOUS AURA OF MY ENCHANTED SCIMITAR REPELLED ALL BUT THE TINIEST FRACTION OF THE NETHERWORLDLY FIRE WHICH THE DEMON HURLED AT ME, AND MY FLYING CARPET BROUGHT ME SAFELY EARTHWARD!
BUT WHAT IS THIS? CAN THE HELL-FIEND ACTUALLY BE DESTROYING THE VERY MONSTROSITIES I ACCUSED HIM OF CREATING?
CAN I PERHAPS HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN IN MY BELIEF?
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT DESPITE HIS FIENDISH DEMEANOR, HE AND I ARE ON THE SAME SIDE AFTER ALL?
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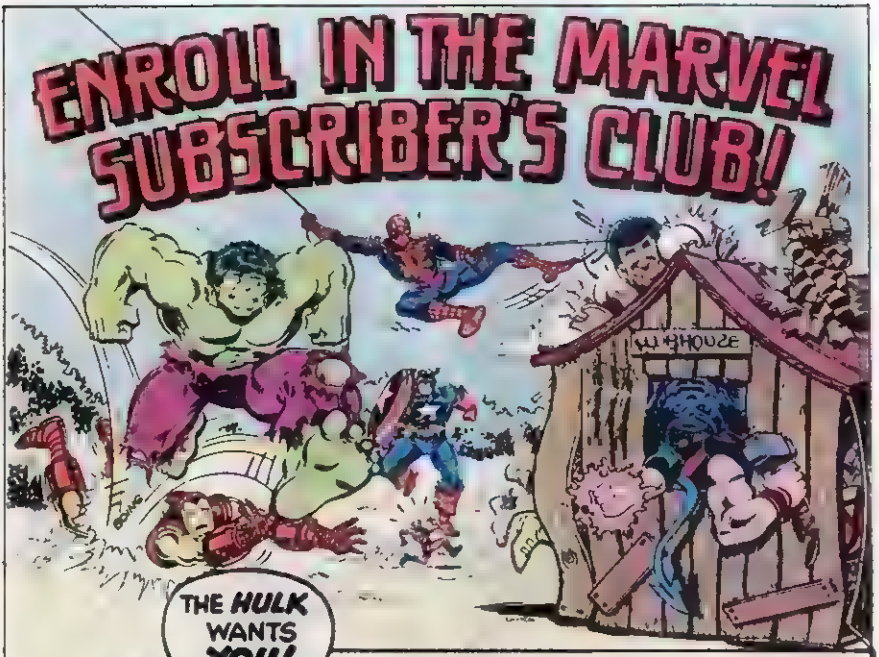

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SHEIK HURANI AND HIS HENCHMEN HAVE FLED! I HEARD THEM SAY THEY WERE HEADED FOR THE ROYAL PALACE!
IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, LET US FORGE AN ALLIANCE, THAT WE MAY PURSUE THE EVILDOERS AND USE OUR COMBINED POWERS TO PUT AN END TO THEIR VILLAINY!
THE GHOST RIDER FORGES ALLIANCES WITH NO MAN, KNIGHT! HE RIDES ALONE! HE BATTLES UNAIDED!
THOSE GIGANTIC JINNS WERE THE WORK OF MY OLD FOE THE WATER WIZARD! IT IS MY SATANIC WRATH HE MUST FACE, NOT YOURS!
THERE HE GOES, IN A BLINDING BLUR OF CRIMSON SPEED!
YET, IT IS THE THRONE OF MY COUNTRY THAT THE VILLAINS MEAN TO TOPPLE! FAR MORE THAN THE DEMON'S, THIS BATTLE IS MINE TO FIGHT AND TO WIN!
MEANWHILE AT THE OUTER GATES OF THE ROYAL PALACE
(CAPTAIN! LOOK! 'TIS SHEIK HURANI AND HIS HENCHMEN!)
(HALT! ALL OF YOU! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!)
HA HA! UNDER ARREST, ARE WE?
GO AHEAD, WIZARD! GIVE THESE FOOLS A TASTE OF YOUR AWESOME POWERS!
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〈BY THE MOSQUES OF MECCA! OIL! GUSHING UPWARD FROM THE GROUND OF ITS OWN ACCORD!〉
〈OH, NO! BY THE MIGHT OF ALLAH! IT CANNOT BE!〉
〈IT CANNOT BE! BUT IT IS! EACH GUSHER OF OIL IS NOW BECOME A JINN!〉
BRAT-TAT-TA
〈STAND YOUR GROUND, GUARDSMEN! AND MAY ALLAH GRANT US THE COURAGE TO DESTROY THESE IFRITS!*〉
〈IT IS NO USE, MY CAPTAIN! OUR BULLETS STRIKE IFRITS, BUT TO NO AVAIL!〉
"EVIL JINNS -- D.
〈KEEP FIRING!〉
〈KEEP〉
RA-WAK-K-K
〈GNNGHHH!〉
〈HE HAS SEIZED US IN A MIGHTY FIST! I-I CANNOT BREAK FREE!〉
〈BY ALL THAT IS HOLY!〉
〈HELLPPP!〉

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MEH MEH HEHHHHH! THAT WAS EXCELLENT, WIZARD! EXCELLENT! THE LOOKS ON THEIR STUPID FACES WERE ALMOST AS GRATIFYING TO ME AS WILL BE MY CONQUEST OF THIS EARTH'S KINGDOM!
ALL RIGHT SHE KNOWS I MEAN! BUT PLEASE! COULDN'T WE TRY TO HURRY THIS UP?
I COULD HAVE SWORN THAT WAS THE GHOST RIDER I SAW! YET THERE IS AT THE REFINERY! AND IT REALLY WAS HIM!
WHAT'S THIS, VILE WIZARD? YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT THRILLED AT THE PROSPECT OF FACING ME ONCE AGAIN?
OH, NO!
WELL, DON'T JUST STAND THERE WHIMPERING LIKE AN INFANT, YOU CRAVEN FOOL! TURN YOUR IFRITS AGAINST HIM! ORDER THEM TO DESTROY THIS GHOST RIDER!
I-IT IS THE GHOST RIDER!
HA-HA-HAAAA
ALL RIGHT! I'LL TRY!
ATTACK HIM, MY LOYAL JINNS! I COMMAND YOU TO ATTACK AND DESTROY THE GHOST RIDER!
HA HAAAA! YOU DON'T SOUND VERY CONVINCING, WIZARD! CAN IT BE THAT YOU KNOW FULL WELL THAT IT WOULD TAKE FAR MORE THAN MONSTERS SUCH AS THESE TO ANNIHILATE A DEMON SPAWNED IN THE INFERNAL PITS?
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I WOULDN'T COUNT ON CARRYING OUT ANY MORE EVIL SCHEMES IF I WERE YOU, SHEIK HUBAN!
BAH! WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT, YOU SANCTIMONIOUS MORON!
HEAR ME, MY FOLLOWERS! SHOOT THE INFURIATING MEDDLER OUT OF THE SKY!
(YES, MY SHEIK!)
(WE SHALL--)
GNAAAA!
WHAT IN THE DEVIL--?!
UNNGHH

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THEY'LL ALL AWAKEN SOON ENOUGH TO FIND THEMSELVES JAILED IN HIS MAJESTY'S ROYAL PRISON!
AAAHHHH!
MEANWHILE.
EVEN AFTER I'VE SET THEM AFLAME WITH BLASTS OF HELLFIRE, THE WIZARD'S MINIONS CONTINUE TO STAGGER ABOUT UNTIL THE CRUDE OIL THEY'RE MADE OF HAS BEEN COMPLETELY CONSUMED!
RATHER THAN ALLOW THEM TO RUN AMOK
--IT'S BETTER TO KEEP THEM TRAPPED IN A RING OF HELLFIRE UNTIL THEY'VE THOROUGHLY BURNED THEMSELVES OUT!
WHA-!? RACING TOWARD THAT HELICOPTER! IT'S THE WATER WIZARD! HE SEES THAT ALL IS LOST AND HE'S ATTEMPTING TO FLEE!
BUT HE'LL NOT ESCAPE MY VENGEANCE NOT SO LONG AS THE FIRE BURNS WITHIN ME!
P-PLEASE! STAY AWAY!
-DON'T--
GNNGHH!
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I'VE GOT TO FACE REALITY, HOWEVER DISTASTEFUL!
THE OIL JINNS HAVE ALL BEEN SET ABLAZE, AND THE WATER WIZARD HIMSELF IS ON THE VERY BRINK OF DEFEAT!
MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO STEAL AWAY FROM HERE WHILE THE GHOST RIDER IS STILL OCCUPIED WITH THE WATER WIZARD.
CHOK!
--AND THAT ACCURSED ARABIAN KNIGHT IS STILL BUSY BATTLING THE LAST OF MY HENCHMEN!
OH NO YOU DON'T, VILLAIN!
SASH! ENCIRCLE AND BIND HIM!
OH NO! I--IT CANNOT BE HAPPENING!
I HAVE HEARD MY UNDERLINGS SPEAK OF THIS MAGIC SASH, 'TIS TRUE--
--BUT I NEVER--
HUH!?
LET GO OF ME, YOU ACCURSED THING!
LET
UNNHHHH!
WHAMM!

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THERE! THAT TAKES CARE OF--
OH NO! BY THE WISDOM OF ALLAH!
RRROP!
AAAAHHHH!
GHOST RIDER! LOOK BEHIND YOU, DEMON! QUICKLY!
ONE OF THE OIL JINNS HAS MANAGED TO BREAK THROUGH YOUR RING OF FLAME! IF HE TOUCHES THAT FUEL TANK, THE HELICOPTER COULD--
BARROOOOOOOM!
FORTUNATELY FOR THE WATER WIZARD, THE FORCE OF THE GHOST RIDER'S FINAL BLOW HURLED HIM FREE OF THE BLAST BUT THE GHOST RIDER ABSORBED THE EXPLOSION'S FULL IMPACT!
CAN ANY CREATURE, EVEN A NETHER-WORLDLY ONE HAVE POSSIBLY MANAGED TO SURVIVE SUCH A--
WHAT!? BY THE PROPHET! SURELY SUCH A THING DEFIES THE POSSIBLE!

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BEFORE MY VERY EYES, THE GHOST RIDER IS UNDERGOING AN ASTOUNDING METAMORPHOSIS...
...ABANDONING HIS DEMONIC FORM FOR THAT OF
AN ORDINARY MAN!
OHHH, BROTHER! MY HEAD!
WHAT WHAT HIT ME?
BY THE PROPHET! IN SOME MANNER BEYOND MY FATHOMING, THE FIERY DEMON WHO HELPED ME DEFEAT SHEIK HURANI AND HIS EVIL JINNS MUST DWELL WITHIN THE BODY OF THIS ORDINARY MORTAL, MUCH AS THE HULK DWELLS WITHIN THE MAN KNOWN AS DR BRUCE BANNER!
"THE AWAKENING MIST THE GREEN GOLIATH IN THE INCREDIBLE HULK # 257 -- DAVE
AND SO, MOMENTS LATER, AFTER THE TWO MEN HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AND DISCUSS THEIR RECENT BATTLE WITH THE WATER WIZARD AND SHEIK HURANI...
ALL OF SAUDI ARABIA OWES YOU ITS THANKS, JOHNNY! HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR YOU AND YOUR DEMON, OUR COUNTRY MIGHT WELL HAVE FALLEN TO SHEIK HURANI AND HIS MINIONS
I'M GLAD YOUR PROBLEM'S SOLVED, THEN! I ONLY WISH MINE WERE!
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TO BE STREET WISE YA GOTTA STOP BULLYIN' AROUND!
BESIDES, IT AIN'T GOOD FOR YA IMAGE YOU CAN BE A GOOD GUY AND TOUGH AT THE SAME TIME
STOP THAT MAN! HE'S GOT MY WALLET!
WATCH THESE HOSTESS CUP CAKES STOP THAT THIEF IN HIS TRACKS!
WOW! WHAT A CATCH THIS IS THE BEST LOOT I'VE SCORED ALL DAY!
HERE, GUYS, TAKE CARE OF THESE HOSTESS CUP CAKES WHILE I TEACH THIS CROOK A LESSON!
HEY, KLEPTO, LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE MADE THE ROUNDS TODAY
CHOCOLATY DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE! CREAMED FILLING! YUM!
AND FUDGY ICING!
I'D SAY THIS HAS BEEN A LESSON IN GOOD TASTE!
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TO WHAT PROBLEM DO YOU REFER, JOHNNY? PERHAPS, IN SOME WAY, THE ARABIAN KNIGHT MAY BE OF SERVICE TO YOU!
WELL, I GUESS THIS IS JUST GOING TO SOUND AWFULLY TRIVIAL, BUT YOU SEE, I BORROWED THE MONEY TO FLY HERE FROM A GUY NAMED FLAGG FARGO--
--AND UNLESS I GET BACK HOME AND REPAY HIM WITHIN JUST A FEW HOURS' TIME, I STAND TO LOSE A PRETTY VALUABLE MOTORCYCLE!
AH, THEN, I CAN HE-P YOU!
WHY DON'T YOU MERELY REPAY YOUR DEBT WITH THIS GLITTERING RUBY?
CONSIDER IT A LOAN, IF YOU LIKE, TO BE REPAID FIFTY OR SIXTY YEARS FROM NOW, WHEN SHEIK HURANI GETS OUT OF PRISON!
YES! PL-PLEASE TAKE IT!
AND, AS FOR YOUR RE-TURNING HOME IN T ME TO MEET YOUR CREDITOR'S STRINGENT DEADLINE, I THINK I MAY HAVE A WAY TO HELP YOU THERE TOO!
COMMERCIAL AIRLINES CAN BE SO UNDEPEN-ABLE, AFTER ALL!
HOURS LATER, BACK IN THE UNITED STATES
HA! ANOTHER FIVE OR SIX MINUTES AND IT'LL ALL BE OVER!
I ALREADY CHECKED THE AIRLINE SCHEDULES! THERE'S NO WAY BLAZE CAN POSSIBLY FLY INTO INDY TILL EARLY MORNING, WHICH MEANS THAT SNAZZY LITTLE BIKE OF HIS IS ABOUT TO BECOME MY PERMANENT PROPERTY!

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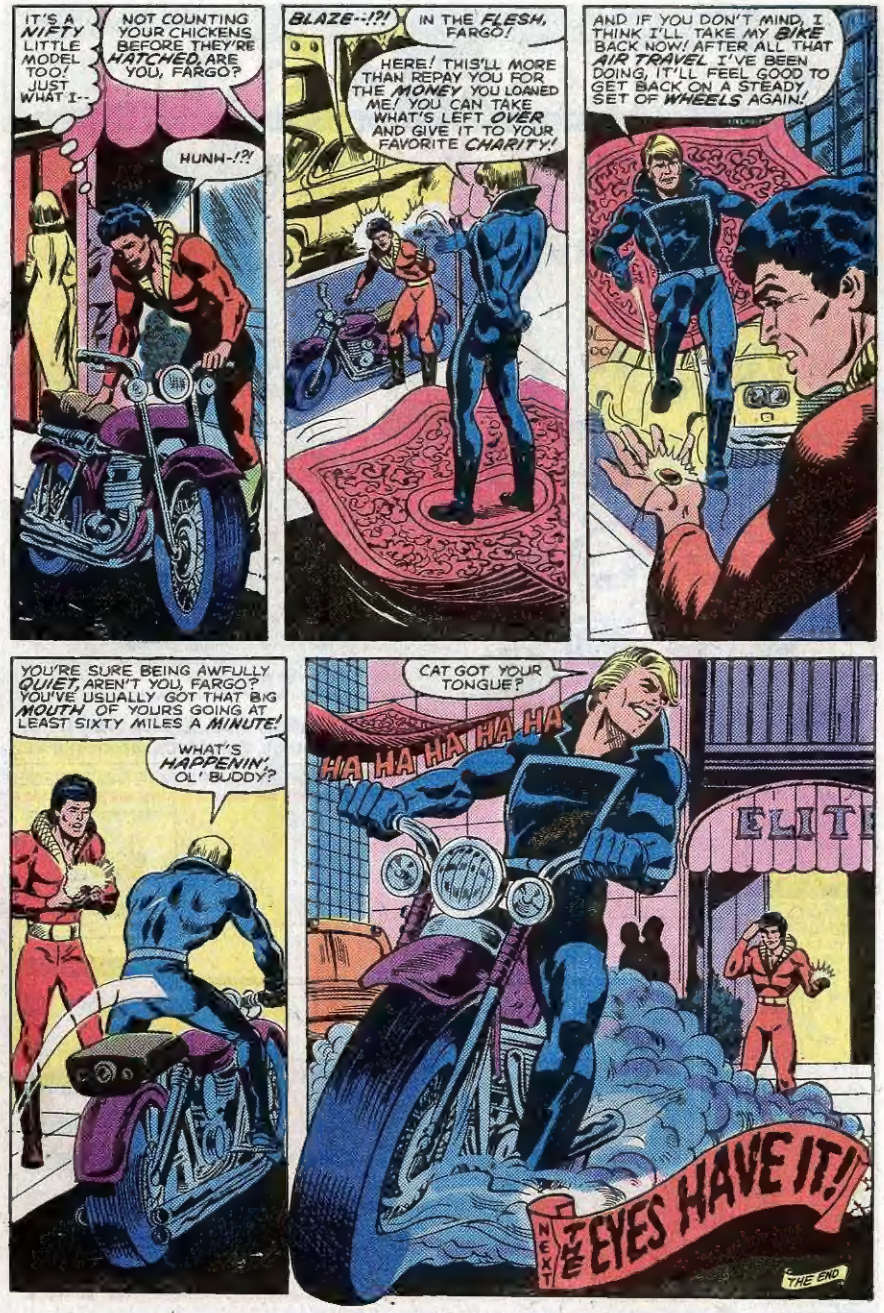
IT'S A NIFTY LITTLE MODEL TOO! JUST WHAT I--
NOT COUNTING YOUR CHICKENS BEFORE THEY'RE HATCHED, ARE YOU, FARGO?
HUNH-!?!
BLAZE--!?!
IN THE FLESH, FARGO!
HERE! THIS'LL MORE THAN REPAY YOU FOR THE MONEY YOU LOANED ME! YOU CAN TAKE WHAT'S LEFT OVER AND GIVE IT TO YOUR FAVORITE CHARITY!
AND IF YOU DON'T MIND, I THINK I'LL TAKE MY BIKE BACK NOW! AFTER ALL THAT AIR TRAVEL I'VE BEEN DOING, IT'LL FEEL GOOD TO GET BACK ON A STEADY SET OF WHEELS AGAIN!
YOU'RE SURE BEING AWFULLY QUIET, AREN'T YOU, FARGO? YOU'VE USUALLY GOT THAT BIG MOUTH OF YOURS GOING AT LEAST SIXTY MILES A MINUTE!
WHAT'S HAPPENIN', OL' BUDDY?
CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?
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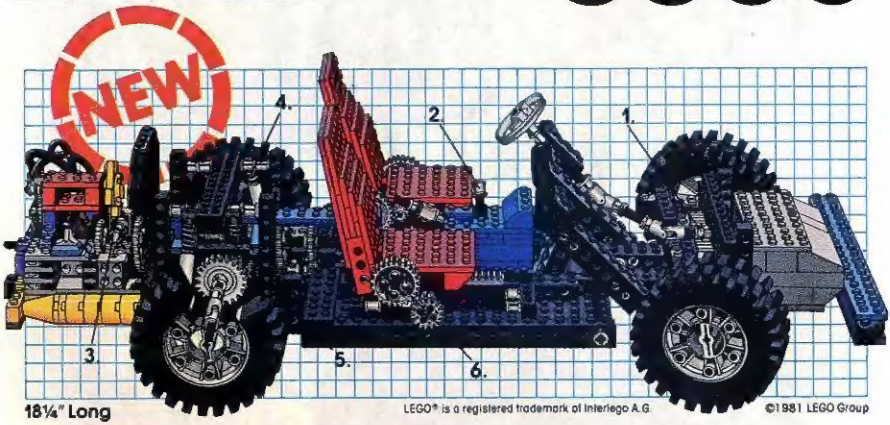

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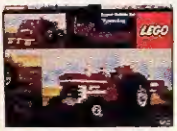

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